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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MURRAY, DOUGLAS J.

Examiner

Kenn Thompson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15, 18, 20-23 and 25-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15, 18, 20-23 and 25-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Plamondon, U.S.

6,000,300.

Regarding claim 30, Plamondon discloses a partially circumferentially closed single-piece unitary sleeve (20) having a portion (28) configured to be expandable such that the single-piece unitary sleeve exhibits a first circumference prior to being expanded and a second circumference subsequent to being expanded (col. 3, lines 43-54); and an rotational orientation profile (16) disposed at said single-piece unitary sleeve configured to orient tools (12) passing at least partially through the device.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by McLeod, U.S. U.S.

6,173,796.

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Regarding claim 30, McLeod discloses a partially circumferentially closed single-piece unitary sleeve (10) having a portion (above 50) configured to be expandable such that the single-piece unitary sleeve exhibits a first circumference (between 38 and 40) and a second circumference (43 of 38 and 40); and an rotational orientation profile (46) disposed at said single-piece unitary sleeve configured to orient tools (24) passing at least partially through the device.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-15, 18, 20-23 and 25-29 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including the an expandable downhole section having a lesser thickness than the uphole end of the sleeve.

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including the sleeve installable subsequent to the casing installation and received in direct contact with the casing.

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including a closed single piece sleeve expanded into an interference fit with a wellbore, and having a pin engaging orientation profile.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 25, 29, 30, 12 and 13 have been considered and are persuasive. The rejection has been withdrawn.

Upon further consideration, a new grounds of rejection is made to claim 30.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

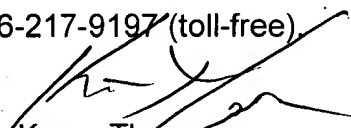
Tinker, U.S. 6,315,044 discloses a similar sleeve.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenn Thompson whose telephone number is 571 272-7037. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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11 October 2005



Kenn Thompson
Primary Examiner
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